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Dedication Stephen Wyder (brother) Steve Rongo (roommate) Steve Sherlock (bartender) "So inhale again as deep as you can, kid, and here it comes again, the big buzzing nothing, the echo at the bottom of a well." (Galadrielle Allman)

A BLOODY WHITE CHRISTMAS

Mom forgot she was in the UK and drove on the wrong side of the road. She wrapped the car around a utility pole and was killed instantly. Dad suffered a head injury and later died

of an overdose of pain pills.

Sister Carie had a miscarriage in the backseat and bled to death.

Brother Sebastian was crushed by the driver's side door and perished.

I survived without a scratch and vowed
never to learn how to drive.

So far it has worked out and I have reached my 69th year...

FILM
A negative of myself
reproduces
A positive of myself.

PASADENA PARADISE

Paradise regained
People going insane
Pasadena woman
Comforts me in the dusk of dawn
Pasadena woman
Lays with her head and yawns
Intercourse ever long...

THE OLD WHORE

An old whore
walks her dog
by my window
I get a hard on
and lose myself
in a six pack of beer
wishing she were younger
and prettier.

DID JESUS EVER COME?

Did Jesus ever ejaculate, masturbate or have a wet dream?

Was Jesus aware of his cock and balls how many inches did he have?

Was his semen holy could his sperm impregnate a woman's womb and have a grandson or granddaughter for God?

Jesus was a carpenter did he ever nail a veil in back of the church and moan to kingdom come?

Surely he ate, pissed shit and sweated but did he ever come?

STEPHANIE WILSON

What a flirt!
she thinks every man
is a faith healer
they all lay hands on her
but she never seems to get better.

She always attracted me into puppy dog distraction got me where she wanted me and then left me where no one would want me.

STEPHANIE

Stephanie
closes windows
and curses the darkness.
Stephanie
sleeps in cars
and praises the Lord.
Stephanie
comes over
and holds my hand.
Stephanie
says quietly
silence is golden.

RETURN MY HEART

We all have a "you" in our life someone out there who was to have spent the rest of their days with us but then went far away for some reason.

Children now emerge from their mother's womb as unformatted diskettes which in time the culture automatically formats into a DNA of an unknown incurable virus.

> There are dust bunnies under the bed of my soul some folks borrow your heart and forget to return it.

Now I'm always late because I get wherever too early life disappoints me death awaits me.

TICKET TO LIVE

Hey, I got a ticket to live on this world
I came out of a lady
As a result of two people's love
But I sometimes wonder
Was it?

ATOM PSALM Men, Women, O live, die flow

Eternity's stream wet, wild dream

Man, Woman the job stay on top.

OVER THE EDGE

A four-legged companion greets my old age days where a walk in the park is calm and the nothingness glows bright.

A decanter of wine and a daughter so fine she brings tears to my eyes whenever I stop and realize how much she means to me.

A chemical imbalance is what the doctor said the bad dreams and visions would soon leave my mind.

I rummage through the scrapbooks of my well-ordered past come unhappily to the realization nothing is all that will last.

A repeat, a rerun, a deja vu moment is all it takes to fog up my mind and send me over the edge.

OLD AGE (Part 1)

Life after death is recycling
Generic sperm from the Church of Intercourse
Has created billions of beings
Time no longer ages you but memory does
A camel in my consciousness stores
memories of sex

I have spent a large part of my life in the shade of a non-existent tree
You have been born and graduated high school
Are you aware that society can still abort you?

There's not much gas left in my tank

There's not much gas left in my tank
I'm running on bald tires and fumes
When did I begin to botch real life?
The breath of eternity is inside my lungs
Sometimes you do a bad thing
for good reasons
Sometimes you do a good thing

for bad reasons
The opposite smell of dead people is cinnamon
Society does not like simplicity or relaxation
Society likes convenience and answers
Infinity and zero are the same thing
When you keep yourself busy
The burden of time eases

A snake has two penises People don't change they decay. OLD AGE (Part 2) Oh, we get old so quickly!

Some days I push dirt underneath the fingernails of God.

Ants take 200 short naps every day I only take one.

I warm my hands on cold days With the embers of memory.

I've always wanted my patience to come quickly I've always wanted to come patiently.

The next generation is being handed a world Of ill-fitting, skid-marked underwear.

My mother played psychic dodge ball with the Christian Science religion.

In my teens I was a walking sperm dispenser.

Until you drive a car you are still a kid.

Not looking forward at all
To the halitosis of another summer in NJ
Drugs and alcohol always turned me
Into a social butterfly
Old age turned me into a caterpillar.

OLD DAYS

Dreams of the Jewish boss who hired me when I was only 17 gave me a job, gave me a skill, gave me a chance wonder if he is still alive but doubt it...

Manifold Printers on First Avenue in Paterson where I was an apprentice printer he taught me about patience and quality of work but I blew it because I was a freak...

Too much booze, too much pot, too much cocaine and then he hired someone else and I was jealous, immature to such a degree that I got my ass fired...

But every now and then a dream brings me back to Dave the person who was my boss, my friend, my teacher and today I'm very grateful for those days...

OH PARENTS, OH CHILDREN

Oh how our parents wept at the sight of their sons and daughters nodding out to the tunes of fake revolution Oh how they admonished us to clean up the streets instead of marching in them. Oh how they cursed the sunshine for blinding the intuitive nose to the grindstone mentality of their sickness. Oh how they suffered in the early morning hours for the children who had forgotten them and were asleep in the deepest of hypnotic trances never to come home again.

RIVER STREET

Someone was there to spoil the fun
The parade passed by only to get rained on
Under the influence of a spectator sport
Self-flagellation she said and quickly smiled
We made some tea and talked of mating our rats
Still it rained on our parade
The judge mumbled something about Coca-Cola
And set us all free
We still managed to torment the meter maid
We repainted the firehouse and spilled shellac
All over the doctor's prescription
We reported a missing "lost and found" to the police downtown
The police reported conduct unbecoming a politician uptown
They let him lay in the sidewalk anyway

We played dice games and diagnosed the schizophrenia.

RIVERSIDE #2

We never come
cause we never go
we never speed
cause we're too slow.
We stay behind walls
where only the devil calls
there's so much confusion
sooner or later all becomes illusion.
Disease in the breeze
how can anyone work
in a system
that doesn't work?

NO DAY TO DIE

I see no entrance
I see no exit
The only thing to do
Is stay right here.
Be still and wait
For time will come to be eternity
Your form will change
Thoughts will be pure and full.

BEER
Did it again
got lost
on the road to salvation
the fiery free spirit within
tangled itself round
the choicest rice, hops and barley.

DUSK APPROACHES

The dog has not been fed in days
dusk approaches
I get back outside
lose my ride (missed the bus)
walk a mile
sans smile
and feel very, very sick

The cat has not been outside for months
dusk approaches
The Riverside demon
checks out the bar (everybody is liquid)
I sit down on the ground only to find
crack in the sidewalk
and joints in my cigarette pack.

The landlady has been high for years
dusk approaches
my head hurts with hate
want to sign out from life
or be a bum from state to state
but I can't get a grip on myself
so the days just pass me by.

CAFFEINE

Unoriginal meanderings cast
shadows of self-doubt
Agonies best friend patience betrays virtue
Love's grandness breaks a leg falling over a girl
Swears to kill love next time he sees it
Ends up killing self
For love is within not without.

Scrambled minds in double time
made schizoid rhyme
Analysis changed mutated fixed nothing
Clarity made disparity who miscarried sincerity
Mind wishes for eternal time
Ends up dying
For life is death over and over again.

DRUGGIE

Still alive after 60 orbits around the sun.

Still taking drugs to keep me alive.

Xanax, Paxil, Cigarettes, Coffee and Alcohol.

What I wouldn't give for a joint of marijuana tonight.

Smoked it for nearly five years straight everyday.

Loved every minute of the intoxication.

Must admit I'm a former druggie And proud of it.

Did LSD, Hash, Speed, Quaalude, Mescaline, Opium Loved every minute of it.

And when I'm about to die Let the morphine flow....

MEANDER

On a ship going forward into the night with drinks for all

I don't know the answer and all is in jeopardy we anchor tomorrow in Puerto Rico.

This rum hits me sideways but the slots ain't paying I hear my mother scream although she is dead will I sleep tonight or just roll with the waves?

My hired lady gives all the right answers it doesn't even matter because what she does to me gets the sheets all wet.

Vacation time where nothing matters the clocks run backwards and I sip away not a care except for the triangle.

DAWN'S GIFT

cold shivers a cigarette for another finger

sealed ministers each one with starch in the collar

dirty streets heaven is a four walled cave

infallible cocks hardened like cement yet soft as butter

mad hatters with brains full of logical serenity

piss poor endless puddles of token remorse

moody moments with quakes detonated in nirvana

the female ends her sentence with a period

the male ends his paragraph with another

the gods end all start naught

the souls of the damned on a road.

Mumbo Jumbo Gumbo
Unfinished and inconsiderate people
rule the neighborhood
Rev their cycles, blast their music
and shout when it's quiet.

The bold brain grows shy and is afraid of confrontation

Practice patience, wait them out, sleep when it's over.

My soup has turned to warm beer and I lap it up Mix in a few pills and off to the graveyard I go.

DIED OF LAUGHTER

The firehouse burned down
The chief of police was murdered

The hookers are all virgins
The rabbi was not circumcised

I love hate, I hate love I love love, I hate hate

Nature abhors a vacuum but loves a dirty carpet When Mr. Rogers met Stephen Hawking he farted loudly

> There was an old German giving a sermon About the dangers of electing vermin

> The grass in front of the funeral home died Who will bury it?

MY NEURONS ARE OLD

At the end of the work day there's sand from the big bang in my shoes.

My brain is a quark modem downloads star dust from black holes makes sweet music.

My parallel universe friend is just like me alone and scarred from years of sweet abuse.

UPPERS

A religious afternoon
Was had by all
Bible reading
Amphetamine speeding
Racing to heaven
On a bicycle built for two...

THE PRESENT IS NOW PAST

Getting older was much more fun when I was younger...

COVID

Don't want to end up a statistic
These Covid 19 numbers are making me sick
There is no place I want to go
Will stay home and watch my hair grow

Lying upside down in death's ditch All because of some mask less son of a bitch Simple rules to follow when going out Some make it political and love to flout about

> We all wait for the vaccine To get our bodies all clean Here it is year number two And there is no end in view.

COLD

Everyone is talking sickness About matter and mind The alive spirit only survives When it no longer thinks of time.

CORONA, CORONA

A lying, cheating and ignorant leader! Who steals the pennies off a dead man's eyes Our life preserver has sprung a leak This part of our lifetime is not worth remembering.

Corona, Corona sick to death of you Corona, Corona more than just the yearly flu

It's Ground Hog Day and déjà vu all over again
Better to be six feet away
Than six feet under
Got to wash my hands of you.

No more mundane grocery shopping Everybody looks like they are holding up a bank There's no freedom to assemble The stock market has sank.

It ends with horror,
It ends with the brain starved for oxygen,
It ends with the lips gone blue and the feet Swelled with fluid,
It ends with your consciousness
Locked inside a ventilator.

THE IDIOT

Trumpty Dumpty
Sat on a very small wall
Trumpty Dumpty
Injected himself with Lysol

All the presidents lackeys And all the president's men Could not put Trumpty Dumpty Back together again. AIR
people
stare
silent
despair
disease
must
be
in
the
air.

THE DAY SPELLS T-R-O-U-B-L-E

A wild ejaculator runs down the hallway with a watermelon in each hand he tells me to go fuck myself but in the interim I do a load of laundry but the stains won't come out, they won't come out and mother rests in her grave while her bed wetting son represses enough shit to fill the local sewage treatment plant.

I'm running on empties,
Elvis Costello, and a handful of pills
must go out and buy something
to ease this mildew pain
in the basement of the mind
I steal all the beer and pee constantly
I curse those who preach, teach
and leech on my space
but Mom it's OK now because
my diploma is preserved in plastic.

And I'm a sleepwalking gangster who wouldn't hurt a flea enforces the rights and turns around the wrongs until I can't see

where does the light begin and
where does the darkness end
I enjoy my work but without
the music in my head
I might as well be dead.
So many fish in the sea and I
stick my nose in the cunt
of the Big Bang and never
fail to expand my knowledge
in the sweet incense of quark and charm
she just needs the money and my virtual honey
will do just fine but in the end
the Day Spells T-R-O-U-B-L-E...

IN WAIT OF ASH & WORM

The birds that sing before the sun rises are "tweeting" much more important "stuff" than the social network freaks.

These fliers and ground-eaters know the future both ours & theirs.

The melancholy sound of their song does not bode well for a universe about to implode or so I decode.

The winged creatures stop their chatter as soon as the sun rises.

They go about their daily business much like we do
I'm just a plump robin in wait of ash and worm.

RECYCLE BIN

All the garbage we leave behind never really leaves the mind goes to the recycle bin and comes back out over and over again.

I saw the truth when I looked in your eyes but later you told me so many lies all I could do was stare and wonder what would kill us: the lightning or the thunder.

Sunday evening with the dread of work
I toss and turn and awake with a jerk
there is no better way to live
then to be busy and learn how to give.

For those we judge as the fools does not mean we are OK or cool our lives function very much the same we play to win and cheat at the game.

THE GARAGE

Boxes full of yesterday and I must sort through them and keep what means the most to me
It is getting harder to realize in this digital age what is what and what is not.

The clouds in the sky, the cloud in the Internet where we store our dreams Reality seems to always disappoint because we always wake up to the same old thing.

Hard drives full of music, sex and political misgivings Yet none of this will survive the second Big Bang.

Try to tell myself that I don't care about all this shit but in reality I do
It is hard to let go of things that define what your brain is today.

Try to get to a point where all you need is the basics but the garbage keeps piling up So must keep throwing away the past in order to reach the future.

Box after box and I sweat as I dispose of myself of the past
Contemplate the alcohol cure but I'm not sure if that will work again.

THE EARTH AS HANGNAIL

History is deleted and refashioned by minds bent on doctrine.

Freedom is preserved by elected slobs who must come clean.

Borders are guarded day and night to keep out undesirables.

The peace is preserved by neutron bombs poised at the ready.

Money markets float with no vision of world economy.

Dangerous maniacs rifle through airline counters with voided tickets.

Mountains wear down and rivers flow sideways.

Mankind paves ground and

stillness is lost to progress. People fight to be free and

imprison animals and nature.

Every so often a planet is discovered but no other life like ours is found.

Can we transfer this earth substance or only erase it.

Buttons off jackets so nothing to close up the wounds.

The stardust creator continues to dance and we survive barely.

LAY DOWN

There is tapioca pudding on the sole of my shoes My blood stream has circulated to the moon and back I'm not sure how many miles I have left to go But none of that matters when I see you're face When you spread your legs When you moan my name And make me climax like an asteroid smacking into earth The laundry truck has left without my socks She awakened a long dormant passion inside of me I couldn't chase away her little critters So her mother made sure I was out of the picture The family album was never the same without me Today she complains about everything but the weather My urine is cloudy but my lungs are still clear The orchestra in my mind has no woodwinds The autistic conductor plays with himself But most days everything is in tune and we all go on and onward Past the shadows, out of the confusion and into the black and blue

Where might is right and wrong is strong The axis of good spins but we refuse to lay down.

RETIREMENT

Refilled the Salt & pepper shakers There: My work Is done.

THE PERFECT ZERO

Perfectly empty Perfectly void Perfectly perfected Perfectly alloyed.

The perfect zero builds molecules and atoms fishes in a gene pool catches us in time.

The perfect zero includes nothing you can see, taste, touch, hear or smell knows no heaven, knows no hell.

The perfect zero strings us along for the ride an ever-widening circle of impossibility.

THE HOURS

At six the cloudy skies got me up smoked a cigarette lied in bed jerked off to nonsense Then at seven o'clock reverie dreams of mother's milk, sweat and migraines At eight finally awake not a minute too late breakfast, shower and a kind word for the cunt tree At nine entwined in unemployment line no smoking sign Ten again what a bore there's no Broadway whore Eleven is seven over and over again Twelve is swell, turn on air conditioner, do push ups, sit ups and one throw up One is fun but quickly overdone Two is through I am me and you are you Three is free just bee.....buzz Four is a bore to bad there's still more Five is alive time to eat (tell me is hunger contagious?) Six is full of tricks-can't see the folds too many holes in the brain Seven is eleven over and over again Eight is great but my excuses are usually forged Nine is refined and TV time Ten is lost in space and loss of face

Eleven is and was what could never be...

SOME DREAMS

And I dreamed I was a sailor Going around the seven seas And every port I reached You were there to hold me.

And I dreamed I was the pollen And you were the queen bee And when you came over You stuck real good to me.

And I dreamed you were the rain A bursting cloud at the seams And I was the ground Thirsty for a reborn spring.

And I dreamed you in the desert Covered up by the sand And I was able to save you With an extension of my hand.

And I dreamed we were children Secure, timeless and free We ran laughing in the woods Then rested and climbed trees.

And I dreamed we were together As long as time will stand And I dreamed that our smiles Brought peace to every land.

THE ABORTION

There once was a boy who was never befriended He lived on his own on himself he depended.

He wrote sad poems that no one ever read Many times he thought he'd be better off dead.

Then one day he met his match Blonde and beautiful she was quite a catch.

They fell in love after much discussion When their bodies met there was quite a repercussion.

They went on for months as if nothing had happened Against all obstacles they continued their passion.

But one unexpected thing did get in their way
It was a baby which they threw away.

The embryo they aborted was three months alive What they had to do killed them all inside.

They were young and foolish and in anger they parted
But deep inside they wished they had finished what they started.

AFTERNOON DREAM

Pity and pain plenty of rain takes a long time to get back home when the road goes on forever. Fun and games more of the same when sunrise hurts your eyes takes you away from your dreams. Anger and shame twisted again takes more than body to find spirit when you give up you lose. Quiet nights heart beats away the children of hope are never alone everlasting Truth shows the way.

ADDICTIONS

One after another takes my life away
I can't help it-there is no self-control
No inner peace only a gaping hole
Full of excuses and blame
Is there such a reality as "inner peace?"

I know the universe is vast
And beyond my imagination
But I just want to feel good all the time
What is wrong with that?
Why must I be born again.

If it feels good-do it!
That's what I've always done
And continue to do
But the cost in cash and emotion
Will soon catch up with me.

APARTMENT #9

The happy hunting grounds of love have turned sour and taste like vinegar my soul is a sizzling steak on a grill not enough flame in the fire or variety in life only an enduring cry to let the end be majestic and high!

The tinted glasses of the future
burn my left retina and thus
make me blind to facts and wisdom
a sewer of porn and lust
runs down my leg as the
hard drive spins like a washing machine.

The clearing in the woods is filled with spoiled food and I spray refrigerant on my wounds but they never seem to heal as I say goodbye to another day without humor, without satisfaction, with regrets.

CUT & PASTE

When a honeybee dies it releases a death pheromone
That smells like a dorm room during the forties
Where the ladies enjoyed a good self-fondling.

I enjoy putting things in the digital meat grinder
The future is in your hands
I have been feeling really dirty lately.

How much does quality cost these days? Truth has many shades like black, white, gray Next time humans your death will be slow and painful.

Flat chested lady makes you depressed The real war is against the stupid Wow, that's more than I make in a year!

You turn my floppy disk into a hard drive I'm white and I'm sorry Torture you, that's a good idea.

SHIP SEX

A storm approaches and the first mate tells us to go inside because things will get sloppy soon so we retreat to the bar where Don Ho sings.

I order another rum and coke to clear my head the UN girl from Switzerland crosses her legs and in Italy the Pope has a raging hard on.

The boat is swaying back and forth and the power of the ocean can be felt from head to toe I sip quickly and try to remember my German.

She says yes and we retreat to her quarters flowers are in bloom and I get right down to it we both moan as the rain pours down.

THE BIRTH CANAL

Been feeling really hyper today like my perfection is about to blow up and I have to keep on top of everything.

You would think at my age that I would know better and would not try so hard to do everything right.

Now my head is spinning round and round thanks to some beer and time off able to be just what I want to be.

Inside it's 74 degrees and outside it's 44 degrees the music on the headphones is in both ears only one side of my brain seems to work now.

Want to bounce my balls off some pretty girl but the light is too bright and the glare makes me flaccid like a tom cat on acid.

By midnight a smile will be plastered on my face and my devotion will be to pink lips, clit and vagina never grow tired of the miracle of birth.

RAINBOW BILL

He built shadows out of dreams
Walked alone on the shore
Saw a wave of hope
But drowned trying to capture it.

He never thought about tomorrow Because today was too confusing Found an injection to ease the dizziness And always came down trying to get up.

He spoke in tongues long ago cut out
Blasphemous babbling recited by saints of old
He was a ruler of the nowhere empire
In love with the rain in his heart.

He was a warm blooded old coot Who ached for the serenity of a cooling breeze Longed for the woman whenever he saw His reflection in his mirror of mirages.

He died atop a mountain last winter
His only food was the love in his heart
But he ran out of nourishment
And now his life is over.

SERENITY

There can be peace when you let it be quiet those negative thoughts and just live reality.

Set aside a day in every week for rest and meditation open up and seek.

Find a river, find the sky see how you forget time as your worries fly by.

WIND UP

There is never a good way to say goodbyesome say it overnight in a sleepy peace.

Others linger on no memories to be had and confound loved ones with nonsense speech.

Where do I want to go
When it's my time to go?
I don't know
Eternally in love feels right.

THREAD THE NEEDLE

This whole mess is being turned by one thread in a single motion

Off the edge into dice baseball so many numbers

Along the road there were no signs waiting for deliverance

This whole configuration centers the needle with one piece of thread yet enough to entwine the entire universe

Not there yet will we ever get there, together?

Atom Psalm, Book of David, shoes, women, lace, spin.

Never going to break the eternal thread!

LAKESHORE DRIVE

We were fast asleep on the kitchen table and Mom forgot to serve dessert.

She was out back with Dad who was hung on the clothes line upside down or downside up we had no sense of direction.

In the morning we went to school and handed in homework when the bell rang we went home.

MOM
Oh mother
It's hot here in Hell
Oh how the evil doth smell.

DAD

The last friend I had use to talk to the walls

Now he's in Florida mapping offshore squalls

Me, I'm here stuck to the bed

Trying to remember what is was my father said.

THE HOLE

There was a time now there is a hole all the people were transformed from blood and bones to replicas, copies, facsimiles, photos and video screens shadows of their former selves, rip offs from creation non-semen, sexless, genderless unfeeling morons glued to the Earth not by gravity but by a sensation of life as it once was...

They cast no reflection in the
mirror and no prints
could be dyed in the ink
they excreted no waste and
passion was only a brand name
and a television show
life was a constant rerun and birth and death and
family and truth were outlawed
for a government based
on making everything and everyone
fit into little boxes
of socialized security...

There was a time now there is a hole and I'm all upset because my stomach no longer digests anything and there are no hungry folks left in the world all our taste buds cut out and used as microchips in a computer taste testing game, it is awful these days with an artificial sun and artificial ground and artificial people and artificial animals and even artificial artificial...

Every night somehow I still manage to sleep one of the few things left from my former lifetime and I hear screams of a planet anesthetized beyond tears but the final pain before
the cosmetic surgery as so great
that blood flows through
my subconscious and coats
my eyes and lips upon awakening
to another day in the hole
without time just little brain
clicks that tell us what to do and when to do it...

There was a time and now there is a hole
we can't do nothing about what is
and now it is too late!
so we can mope in the corner
of our sterilized brains rerunning
I LOVE LUCY ad-nauseam until everyone
you know has red hair
and a Cuban accent and wants
to ham it up on the stage of
despair with no hope, no honor
and no chance of ever living
of ever dying of ever doing anything with meaning again.

FLASHBACK #23

We live forever the same experience over and over. History is past Full of pain Future is already here The same game The now is everything Where you remain.

WE ONLY NOTICE PAIN

Grim days and puddles of toxic chemicals seep into my shoes and I grow another toe.

The pigeons fly upside down shit all over themselves.
We wear pithy helmets whine about our employment.

Derisive sunrises, bitter sunsets Long lunches and immature ejaculations We only notice pain.

I was stuck in traffic and shoved a pneumatic drill into the face of a traffic cop who gave me the finger.

I imported some domestic help to clean up my dirt she wore a cute little outfit and shot her mouth off a lot.

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The over-sized clerk washed his underwear in a tobacco spittoon said the juice made him cum.

My friend Dorothy was over the rainbow so who gives a shit anymore there's no place like home.

We sat on nails and kissed ass
We walked on fire and hit bottom
In the end
We only notice pain.

The Honeymoon Machine was set on overdrive a couple of newlyweds bobbing on the Eubanks they told lies, secrets and made videotapes of sado-masochistic love they eventually died in a tangle of hemp rope love positions.

Derisive sunrises, bitter sunsets
Long lunches and immature ejaculations
We only notice pain.

A ZIPPER STUCK IN ETERNITY

Sometimes I feel like a zipper stuck in eternity In the middle of doing something for nothing And about to die of frustration But life is not a bed all comfortable and warm Most of the time its a zipper stuck in eternity Frozen in anticipation or ducking buckshot From a wild man out to do you harm Yet in all sincerity I can say love is the answer But I still don't know what the question is Some say life is cells and being healthy Others say its your station in life and being wealthy I look for the balance beam and being happy Believe in myself and eliminate the crappy Each day is an opportunity for honest expression And trust that the end is only another beginning But sometimes I feel like

A zipper stuck in eternity

Not able to function but aware of the mess Looking for the right oil to unloosen me the best. **PAINKILLERS**

Being with Tean

A good book

A good music album

A long flow of poetic words

A black and white movie

A new magazine

Baseball cards

A day off from work

A week off from work

Being able to help someone

A good nights sleep

A snowstorm

A spring day

A lively spirit

A happy heart

A fresh start.

MY DRUNKENNESS

My drunkenness was neat
A tiny capsule where
I could bury my aspirations
And not feel guilty.

My drunkenness was conceit I knew the answers backwards And forwards and would not Face the truth for the truth Was a liquid hole in my soul.

My drunkenness was convenient An easy way out of feeling Pain and filling the time With idleness instead of Doing something worthwhile.

My drunkenness was a crutch Something that helped me Stand on my own two feet When what I really wanted Was someone to care for me.

My drunkenness was a friend
When I had no friends because
I would not take the time
To understand others points of view
Because my point was the only one true.

My drunkenness was a fuel
To vent my frustrations and
Let go of my true feelings
But there was no one there to
Catch those feelings.
My drunkenness was hysteria
A seesaw of laughing,
Crying, power and pity
The feeling was lost and found
Up and down bullshit serenity.

MY DRUNKENNESS ENDED

My drunkenness was ended When I no longer feared myself Or the decisions made And I learned that There is only one day at a time.

LUNCH

Square ball Joe with his liniment toe stubbed himself all over the universe.

With 4 wheel drive and a mouth full of jive he proceeded to rip me up.

Drinkin', mockin' Cursin', lyin' after two years felt like I was dyin'

He never had much to say Unless he didn't get his way He never smiled Acted like a child.

So one cloudy day
I went my own way
finally got free
from his contagious misery.

MYSELF

I see myself before myself crying to be free.

I see myself before myself asking who is me.

I see myself before myself very reluctantly.

MANY MINDS

Dependency full flight fantasy feelings crutches for the mind.

Shadows, illusions mothers, fathers cash register tape what's with this mind?

More meetings door is open cup of coffee what's on your mind?

THE AA MEETING

Comfortable not alone no longer scared.

All the things that wore me down no longer around.

Sober and smiling no longer scared.

GOD

This all seems so very real
How can this be so?
I wake, I sleep, I dream
A womb, an Earth, an infinity
Does any of it matter?
How do we clothe ourselves in the holy spirit?
These are shadows-my dreams of you
The happiness that rests in your eyes
Tomorrow, so very grateful
That you are always there.

DARKNESS IN LIGHT

And there we were bright-eyed and bushy-tailed
Ready to crack the code
But little did we know what we were up against
Turmoil, turbulence, tenderness
and least of all ourselves.

Whatever this can mean we sure are mean Whatever we can do we will not do Whatever happens will happen without us Whatever we see we will not see for long.

Truth to tell there is no truth
Days will swell in measure to our lust and greed
Vain and glorious people all for show
The type of people you don't want to know.

Future looks dim but when has it not
Past looks clear but that's a lie
Present is tense but when has it been different?
A backwards flip through
the pages of my madness
Brings only tears and a bad awareness.

Some people are different
They can really believe
Others are heady
They only conceive
Still the holy spirit keeps us going right
Keeps us pacing the floor for the truth.

LSD

LSD left me empty everywhere I went a little voice followed me around told me what to do something like automatic pilot?

LSD left me rootless in perpetual space motion resolved in one mass not some silly kick so easy to forget what you learn?

LSD movement is jagged face is ghost-like with a wave-like vision all senses were open every action brought extreme pleasure there was only perfection?

LSD time stood still as my chin fell asleep on the window sill.

74 BUS

Can't be grieving no more happiness ain't such a chore ashes to ashes dust to dust all we can do is do what we must.

Hurt me, hurt me some more you didn't hurt me enough now hurt me some more it's not enough this feeling of hate.

The devil is on the roadway I can't get my ass in reverse the devil is in the drivers seat at the wheel of a 74 bus.

HEGIRA

Talking about starting over and doing things different and being pure but I don't know what I am doing anymore. Says it feels good all alone but yet it never really turned him on all this talk and all these symbols. I'm gonna wake up someday and read this and wonder why I even bothered writing it. My mind is filled with nothingness all is sad Yes, I'm okay I guess and you're okay. You have to deal with numbers sooner or later. numbers can add up and subtract you down. It is easy to end so I never want to end qualifications for suicide are deep down in head.

Talking about trying and playing games which are healthy have I learned to extinguish the bad and intake the good?

You can't help what's inside you she tells me seeing straight for the first time in years.

In visions we melt, we don't love anymore, cold wind breaks spirit burning at both ends and trying to be one.

DEALER

He's got an attic full of drugs And a pedigree dog full of bugs.

CRYSTAL

Angel dust heaven come play with me Take my mind let's be done with me Days all the same, much too plain Nothing to lose, nothing to gain.

DISPASSIONATE

She told me to stick it in So in there I went again I found the slot It felt so hot She moaned say when.

DRY DOCK

We tried to have an orgy but nobody could come.

NORTH TOWER CONSTRUCTION

Bright lights and exotic carpets mirrors everywhere! a country unto itself the individual is immersed in a field of money either to burn or to cultivate.

But you know the sun still rises and the sun still sets no matter where you are on this earth you can walk a fine line with reality but don't rush over the edge for there you will meet the abyss.

Why not stick around and be part of yourself and others sharing, merging, caring, loving taking time to be part of something the world within can shine with gold the world without to reflect your soul.

DANGER: CHILD WITH CRAYON

Baby plays with crayons on the sidewalk Sidesteps father when she draws a blank He falls in - she laughs The game is over Father disappears Never comes back again.

H BOMB

yeah, like when, like now
how all the scattered seeds
from your tongue have settled
and you are left with a ram
in your brain pan
total mass numbness
no pain, if you can even
remember what pain feels like.

YOUR TOILET RUN OVER

Someone was there to spoil the fun
The parade passed by only to get rained on
Under the influence of a spectator sport
Self-flagellation she said and quickly smiled
We made some tea and talked
about mating our rats
Still it rained on our parade
The judge mumbled something
about Coca-Cocaine
And set us all free
We managed to torment a meter maid
We repainted the firehouse and spilled shellac
All over the druggist's prescription
We reported a missing "lost and found"

All over the druggist's prescription

We reported a missing "lost and found"

to the police

The police reported conduct

unbecoming to a politician

But let it lay in the sidewalk anyway

We played dice games and diagnosed the schizophrenia.

GRAVITY HAS WHISKERS

The whole story usually reads as overflow Puzzles are one piece before they are broken up Elegance stands alone with star quality.

Ad copy on the cameraman's upper lip Watch out the canal boat sinks at noon The party will begin with rubber soap wash downs.

Closet clowns wipe tears into smiles New model cards brake for Jesus A new company cleans dirt for free.

Pantry Pride sweepstakes announces only losers Church offers free rides to smelly pews A dentist now specializes in Twinkie fillings.

Self-imposed exile looks for carpet cleaner Wife bequeaths wreaths without humor Well wisher runs out of coins and jumps out of shoes.

Clocks thrown in river causes flood of time Brick buildings become endangered species Creative spirit silences inner noise.

HUNGOVER CHUGGING REALITY

Can't take very much very much more of this reality this reality which explodes in your face and leaves you crying for space.

Hungover from chugging reality Not drinking, not drugging Just hungover from chugging reality.

Some people watch you and say one day at a time or easy does it, first things first and they mean well.

But I get so wound up and I can't breathe inside and all the wonder and beauty turns to rust.

Hungover from chugging reality Not drinking, not drugging Just hungover from chugging reality.

Sometimes it seems that everything is dying you see the homeless, starving and crying and you're so busy there's nothing to do only face your problems and begin anew.

FOURTH AVENUE INHALATIONS

The night comes on flashes of sky the bright horizon and the diffident undertow.

Suppers on the table dad's kicked my cradle.

The Moon! The Moon!

the blessed Moon
where does it rest
in the sky this night
in the sky the next day.

No shadows, no pattern, no dance
can get through this
this feeling that has a hold of me
it comes, then it goes
its being; I really don't know

Some willy nilly with a cat named Billy was conversing as I started cursing "Oh go on violent world spark up and die!"

Wrong way fell from a porch of wood shattered himself onto the cement and now there is some muscle loose with aching posture and pain he's a muck in desire and everlasting fire.

So eat and meet the people who excrete while done up in their wash towels you can hear their asses howl pensioners and lifers in eternity's jail come on as saviors but live in garbage pails.

It is cold yet vegetable this feeling of mine your heart goes through beats each one more tired you sit in wonder while your head throbs with bliss castigated to nowhere last on every list.

Proud to be allowed but cautious to the end the only gratification he wanted

was from a dear friend and now cast away to ink and pad you think about what you had.

Descriptions like crazy, mixed-up fool
they don't mean much
now that you are out of school
there is no one to care
only piles of dirty underwear.
Somehow the minutes suspend into eons
Smoke makes you feel glad you are still going on
Tomorrow is for sorrow
today is to pray
no need to hurry
time passes away.

During certain hours of reflection
the sanity comes together
no matter the media, no matter the weather
you feel at ease as enlightenment unfolds
the self becomes a black hole
folds into itself, myriad folds, a drain.

Twas' not long ago
that a dear lady sat
upon your cock
and melted your skin
it was fun
a love! a throbbing of genitals
you can still see her sucking of the wet dew
the cum that cums from one is given to you.

Yet, did she see?
something was wrong with me
has she found a new lover
the smell of her sex still gets me upset
I toss, I turn
my bed a flaming urn!
Like angels and kings departed from yore
men in suits, sadists in gore
fists up the ass, boxes of cum
lock it all inside then explode
like a gun!

The footsteps of Minstrels come tune up by my door

ounces of their witchcraft shout the confused score I'm in trouble so I sleep in self-womb await joy from a room that stinks of gloom.

BIOPSY

She was only a reflection of my inner sadness whenever she came over she drove me to madness.

Deep inside I wish this scene would end but this man I met is my only friend.

BRIGHT IDEAS

Went down to the light bulb factory everybody else was right and I was all wrong they told me to go to college before I could work in their light bulb factory.

Met a guy named Wompers taught me how to detect people from a mile away then he gave me a bubble and moaned that's the last bubble you'll ever get from me.

SICK MOTHERFUCKER

Sick Motherfucker dresses with two chopsticks up his nose.

Sick Motherfucker freezes other people's garbage then meat loafs it.

Sick Motherfucker puts mayo on the railroad tracks & hopes for accidents.

Sick Motherfucker pays dogs to shit & steps on their tails.

Sick Motherfucker sticks his cock in ice cream & waits for Pavlov's bell.

Sick Motherfucker sings all day long murders frogs at night.

SHE GAVE ME THE BLUES

She loved to shoplift underwear
The cops were always sniffing for clues
She gave me the blues
She gave me the blues
And I never did get rid of them.

She always took pictures
But never got them developed
She gave me the blues
She gave me the blues
And I never did get rid of them.

SPRING TIME

Razzle dazzle spit ball heads awake and bake breakfasts of bread Solly Hemus he don't care he's fucked up he don't dare Face the world in all its glory rather shit all day and read a story Walk on the cracked sidewalk engage in spring time small talk.

LINED UP TO DRINK

So much for the hello embraces all these empty faces lined up to drink all of us lacking timing and social graces.

> Love in motion the button fly was open she was a tall glass hoping to drown him in the ocean.

> > A portion of me still floats out there and disturbs the me that is still and free.

SOCK ME blotter acid perforated dentist food.

unbalanced loose fell off the deep end.

SHE TAKES ME HOME

Magic
she's so graceful
she wraps me up
inside her legs
and when she cums
she explodes
she's magic
pure magic
a magic sex being
that appears
whenever we are
joined together.

Adorable
I adore her
every chance
I can get
she takes me
inside & out
takes me
on a joy ride
up & down
so tender and overflowing
with passion
she takes me home.

MY WARM DREAMS

Oh warm lovely passionate dreamer hold me in your arms tonight take me into your flights of fancy help me soar to the everlasting stars don't bring me down to Earth let me ride on your wings way above this earth of dirt let me walk on the clouds help me to be aware to express love, to conquer evil, to slay error to walk on my own two feet to think clearly, to love genuinely to be the being of your creation let my idle illusions be dashed let my careless words be stricken let my cold lonely face be slapped let my free will be your will in heaven oh spirit of gentle love encircle me tonight as all nights hold me in your eternal arms and voice the knowledge to act that you impart and direct every day perfect, pure and full of love oh today, yesterday, tomorrow there is only one day and that day is with the Lord.

YOU NEVER LEFT

There you are you never left there you are LOVE you never left.

Time to embrace you LOVE there you are you never left.

LOVE
always here
always there
always everywhere
LOVE
you never left.

ODE TO MARIJUANA

In a dormant and helpless condition
I immediately consulted my local physician
He told me not to worry
He told me not to hurry
So slowly without a care
I returned to my lair.

Then reclined in my double bed
I cleaned one ounce for my troubled head
Filled the pipe and lit a match
After one toke I began to relax
I felt again like a boy
Sleep was pure joy!

MOLD

All the friends I ever had either got rich or went mad alone is best so easy to rest a room contains a person a person contains a room.

NOTES FROM MY RAFT

Polite electric machines detach my brain and play with my toes down the street a child picks at a boil while the radio blares sensational breezes full of Chloroform and Benzene creates a mass numbness before death a death in vomit caught in the wind pipe.

The best part of the newspaper
the funnies, the comics
the best shows on television
the reruns, the sitcoms
the best person I ever knew
is still to be known
the best day I ever had
was in her arms, legs, pussy and mouth.

A Hispanic revolution in our land the language of freedom sometimes speaks a Communist tongue understand that this land was not made for you and me the fight is still on when you stand still you kill street corners full of cheap thrills.

All the film begins to develop
when Lois takes over
who wonders however
about you and your insect breath
she likes to ravage herself
in strange bathrooms
adult fixtures hard to swallow
but her breasts are always mine.

"Receive Me, Receive Me," she cried so I put my finger on her cunt and told her to pee in fact she did all over me not a dry eye in the house a pathetic woman with money who unzipped flies and fished for cock in an evening gown.

To live this life you have to be in love with all the people all the time no matter where they stand or how ugly they may seem to love this life you have to be outside yourself far enough to see inside yourself.

NO SOLUTIONS

Some days like today I wonder
What I am doing on this earth.
Lost inside other people
Most of all lost inside myself.
Unable to express
What is really on my mind.

She comes and then she goes
In between that time
I don't know where she is
And I find myself lost.
This woman can't be counted on
To give you many answers
Rather she can be counted on
To give you mindless questions.

Most of the bad things
In my life start
With the letter "R"
Rage, resentment, redundancy, reservations.

Read on, read on
Expression lost again
Mind ties knots
No solutions or ideas
No solutions in a liquid brain.

ALL THE SHOPPERS ARE DYING

All the shoppers are dying the stores have no bags nothing for consumers to put their purchases in but two hands.

All the shoppers are dying the stores won't accept money nothing to empty their wallets for can only wring their two hands.

All the shoppers are dying no one wants anything anymore nothing to fill their lives up with only the memory of busy hands.

All the shoppers are dying you can't buy what is within let's walk around each other and join hands once again.

THAT LAST OUNCE

You are full of emptiness and the night is your only friend as alone you confront the desires and confusion of a 20th century mind. You trip, you stutter, you hide your head you spend half your life dreaming in bed.

The world it sees you just as you are if only you could drive a car.

The same things repeat their way in your mind time after time with each journey you lose more of your precious brain.

Boredom needs no explanation because everything is a waste of time but still there is the question of that last dime.

No voice to speak of your speech is a mutated jagged sound you compute to be a vow of inner silence.

To often emphasis and praise is given to experience instead of innocence.

Snowstorms slow down a world going too fast sit on your knees beg for an end to this smoking madness but there is nothing else to do.

This is the life that promised so much this is the life you have chosen to waste this is the life that has only double meanings. He spends his money on a plant and smokes to drive away the boredom and deliver the madness to not care anymore

he is alone and alone he will stay.

THE HOUSE OF MORGUE

The House of Morgue she told me to meet her there we knelt on the altar and said a few prayers.

> One for the world to have a happy ending one for our love to be never ending.

We crept up the stairs in our gowns of white we turned down the bed and came with the night.

We dreamed of the future while planted in love we caught each others juices would we ever get enough?

The clouds in the sky get darker every day our prayers were answered as we merged in a death play.

70 FOURTH AVENUE

Done in by faults of the earth.

No use in waiting any longer activity can only make me stronger.

No use in sleeping down under sooner or later have to hear the thunder.

cannot stand by with indecision after nine innings you usually know who's winning.

The hum of the refrigerator
Trina asleep on the couch
smoke in the hallways
two blue bedrooms
the twist of a peanut butter jar
the tilt of the porch
the gas station across the street
the old family couch
the bathroom sink.

Time to get up and go.

72 FOURTH AVENUE

A hot ticket and she felt my stub A button popped and she began to rub

We were flying somewhere over Tampa Bay I pulled out and asked are you okay?

And now in the apartment all alone Picking my cuticles and stroking this poem

The dead never died like I have died Standing in mirrors smelling of pride

The mirror cracked and I backed off Engaged in loathing hamburgers and scotch

And now I'm in the shower soaping my dick My cumwriter pours white a genuine bic

The dealer liked bags, bags that were full
The family was clean, sign of Taurus bull
One day the house it really caught fire
The gig was over time to retire
I was prescribed Mellaril got trapped in a room
Chased at knife point some witch with a broom

Today I go on a little older My youthful temptations finally over.

PARADOX

lost all that was found found all that was lost.

POPS (FOR POOKA THE POODLE)

Where are your Pops?
Where are you now?
Do the stars still shine?
Is there a touch of morning dew?
Do you know we miss you?
Soft white poodle dog
Who would never run away.

AWAKEN

Don't panic - dance!
It is not over
Love never ends
Don't give up - strut!
Walk with pride
& love at your side.

NOBODY TO TALK WITH

Nobody to talk with the bus stops again picks up one person drops off another. Nobody to talk with work to be done a phone rings a knock at the door. Nobody to talk with our love is dead she either drinks or curses or cries. Nobody to talk with a throat grown cold despair in the gut pain in the head. Nobody to talk with God is Love yes, God talks will I listen?

THE CENTER

To know there is sunshine When there is only rain To know there is pleasure When there is only pain.

Life has many secrets
Deep, dark and confused
Many ways to go forth
Yet only one can you choose.

Hunger is when you feel incomplete
From your head down to your feet
Feed the body and feed the mind
Health is freedom from all sense of time.

Sickness is idea confused in mind Life is beautiful constantly remind Take each sunrise in the palm of your hand Never worry something eternal has the plan.



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